

# HALLEY'S COMET

## One Million Times Larger Than The Earth—Finest Spectacle Expect May 1 At Five O'Clock A. M.

Size — 1,000,000 times larger than the earth.  
Speed—Millions upon millions of miles a day.

Character—The comet is composed of three parts—the nucleus, the head and tail. The head is of the same composition as the tail, only denser. The head is so transparent that stars can be seen shining through it. Nothing is known of the composition of the nucleus.

The Tail—It is composed of gas and minute particles of metal not unlike dust. Should the tail be long enough when, on May 18th, the comet cuts through the plane of the earth, to reach the earth, the effect would be a fine display of luminous vapor.

Time of Passage—Between 7:30 and 8:30 on the evening of May 18th, the comet passes between the sun and the earth. As the sun sets in West Virginia on that date at 7:07 P. M., (World Almanac), it cannot be witnessed in this state, but might be seen from California, Hawaii, the Philippines and Japan, although it may be possible that at that time it will not be able to be seen even with a telescope.

Distance—At the time the comet passes through the plane of the earth it will be 78,360,000 miles from the sun and 14,640,000 miles from the earth, and the tail, which always streamers away from the sun, would have to be more than 14,640,000 miles long to envelope the earth, and it may not be that long. The comet reaches its nearest point to the sun about the middle of April.

Collision Impossible—While the orbits of the earth and the comet cross each other, they are not in the same plane. In other words, it is not a "grade crossing." Thus, no collision of the earth and the comet is possible.

The Best Views—The best views of the comet for the general public will be from the middle of April to the first week or so of May, when it will be seen with the naked eye just before dawn a little south of where the sun rises and just a little distance above the horizon; and again for a couple of weeks after May 18, when it will appear just after sunset, a little south of west and a considerable height above the horizon.

Finest Spectacle—The most interesting spectacle is expected to be afforded on May 1, when the comet nears Venus. The planet and comet will be the same distance from the earth and every one will be able to note their relative sizes. To see the comet then, one will have to be up before 5 o'clock in the morning. In fact only the early risers will see the comet before it passes between the earth and the sun.

Once Nearer—In 1835 Halley's comet came within 5,000,000 miles of the earth. As it did not then pass between the sun and the earth, the tail was pointed in another direction. The tail always points away from the sun.

No Danger—Eminent astronomers say there is no danger. It is not known or certain if, when the comet passes between the earth and the sun, the tail will be long enough to reach and envelope the earth. A California chemist claims to have discovered cyanogen gas (a deadly poison) in its tail. Prof. Frost, of the Yerkes observatory, says: "The density of the tail of the comet is about the density of the vacuum in an electric bulb, and there cannot possibly be enough poisonous gas in it to hurt a fly."

### Saved From The Grave.

"I had about given up hope, after nearly 4 years of suffering from a severe lung trouble," writes Mrs. M. L. Dix, of Clarksville, Tenn. "Often the pain in my chest would be almost unbearable and I could not do any work, but Dr. Kings New Discovery has made me feel like a new person. Its best medicine made for the throat and lungs." Obsolete coughs, stubborn colds, hay fever, lagrippe, asthma, croup, bronchitis and hemorrhages, hoarseness and whooping cough, yield quickly to this wonderful medicine. Try it, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free. Guaranteed by Severs Drug Co.

### A Pheasant's Blind Flight.

Speaking of the habits of pheasants, Bailey's Magazine says: "A very curious incident was recorded in October, 1896. A hen pheasant was flushed in a field of turnips, and as she got up flew into a piece of rotten, wet leaf, which clung around her head, completely enveloping it and blinding her. She kept ahead to wind, so that the wet leaf still remained plastered over her eyes, and in this plight fluttered higher till she became exhausted and gradually sank to earth again.

"The frequency with which pheasants fly through windows, sometimes with fatal results, is thought to be due to the bird in its haste being deceived by the reflection in the glass of the landscape behind it."

Don't Forget our Want Column

## THE COOK AND THE CRITIC.

A Problem Worthy the Attention of All Earnest Women.

It always awakens a sort of amused wonderment in me, says Marietta Ladd in Table Talk, when I hear learned men, especially bishops, tell school-girls that in order to secure husbands they must learn to be good cooks. Just as though a man ever thinks seriously of cooking when he is really and truly in love! The idea is absurd. Yet it is undeniable that a large proportion of unhappy marriages result from an imperfect knowledge of the sublime art of cookery on the part of the wife. All sensible women know that their power and influence in the home is inseparable from their practical ability to prepare healthful and appetizing foods for those under their charge. The problem of our time is to increase the number of careful and intelligent cooks and so lift the race on to a higher plane of life.

It is clear to me that this problem, worthy as it is of the attention of all earnest women, cannot be satisfactorily solved by educating women alone. Man is an important factor in the home, and it is as much the business of a man to know what foods are helpful and what harmful as it is a woman's. In the stress of modern business life it is unreasonable to expect a married man to do actual cooking. If he does it some part of his work outside the home must suffer. But if he cannot do work he can always criticize. He should therefore be taught how to criticize intelligently in such a way as to help his wife and not try her temper to its utmost limits.

Domestic unhappiness usually arises in one of two ways—either the wife is incompetent and as a natural consequence ultra sensitive to criticism or the wife is really a good cook, but her husband has been spoiled and rendered berish by living at good hotels and restaurants where "many hands make light work."

There is only one remedy for this state of affairs. Boys and girls must learn cookery side by side, as they learn other necessary knowledge. The boy who knows what to eat and how to help, not hinder, digestion in the kitchen will be a kind and helpful critic to his wife. The wife who knows the science and art of cookery will consult her husband's taste and blend it with her own, knowing that the masculine point of view in cookery, as in all else, is a valuable corrective of the feminine.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

### BRANDED BY TARTARS.

A Greek Robber Who Was Tattooed From Head to Foot.

A remarkable case of tattooing came to light in Professor Hebra's lecture room in a hospital in Vienna a number of years ago. The man was the subject of a lecture, and one of the spectators at first mistook him for a bronze statue. He was tattooed from head to foot, and not a quarter of a square inch of his entire person was intact.

The skin presented an appearance resembling the tracery of an exceedingly rich cashmere shawl. The coloring was done with indigo principally, with enough red inserted here and there to give it effect. His name was George Constantine, a Greek by birth, who with a band of robbers entered Chinese Tartary to commit depredations. The gang was captured, and this man, with others, was ordered by the ruler to be branded in this manner.

On the palms of his hands letters were tattooed which explained that he was "the greatest rascal and thief in the world." It took three months to tattoo him, the indigo being pricked into the skin. The designs represented elephants, lions, tigers and birds, with letters worked in between. A couple of dragons ornamented his forehead. He said his body swelled up very much at the time and ever since had been sensitive to changes in the weather.—Westminster Gazette.

### Self Examination.

Every man's life is an imperfect sort of circle which he repeateth, and runneth over every day. He hath a set of thoughts, desires and inclinations which return upon him in their proper time and order and will very hardly be laid aside to make room for anything new and uncommon, so that call upon him when you please to set about the study of his own heart and you are sure to find him pre-engaged. Either he has some business to do or some company that he must entertain or some cross accident hath put him out of humor and unfitted him for such a grave employment. And thus it cometh to pass that a man can never find leisure to look into himself, because he doth not set apart some portion of the day for that very purpose, but foolishly deferreth from one day to another until his glass is almost run out and he is called upon to give a miserable account of himself in the other world.—Dean Swift.

### Minutes Finished

The minutes of the Seventh Annual Session of the Breckenridge Association held with the Irvington Baptist Church last April have just been printed in booklet form in a most attractive way. They were sent out from the News office this week.

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### A DELICATE HINT.

The Present Girard Sent to One of His Ship Captains.

One of the sea captains in the employ of Stephen Girard, the founder of Girard college, had a rural Yankee's fondness for whittling with his jack-knife and on one trip succeeded in getting away with a large part of the rail, although, feeling that he was not without the artistic sense, he really regarded the rail as greatly improved in appearance. When the vessel came to Philadelphia, Girard went aboard, made a general inspection in the captain's absence and as he was about to return to shore asked one of the seamen who had been cutting the rail. The seaman told him the captain and then, afraid his telling might have unpleasant consequences, the captain to learn of it in a roundabout way, informed that official of the interview with Girard. The captain was in terror of a reprimand, but, hearing nothing from his employer, supposed the incident closed. As he was about weighing anchor ready to leave port a dray loaded with shingles drove down to the wharf, and the driver hailed the vessel.

"There must be some mistake!" shouted the captain. "Our bill of lading doesn't mention shingles." "This is where they belong," sung back the driver. "Mr. Girard himself told me to deliver them. He said they are for the captain to whittle."

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### Make Your Toilet Articles.

Any girl can have the very best toilet articles if she will make them herself, and many of them offered for sale at the stores will often do a permanent injury to a delicate skin. Should a lotion be needed for perspiration stir one ounce of hydrate of chloral in one pint of soft boiled water and keep in a bottle. Apply with soft old linen and allow the lotion to dry on the skin. To keep the hands in good condition keep a preparation of vinegar and cornmeal ready for use and after washing clothes or doing any work that soils the hands wash them in warm suds, rub the hands well with the cornmeal mixture, then dry and rub a few drops of honey and water well into the skin. An excellent and safe face powder is made by sifting half a pound of pure rice powder eight or ten times and then adding a few drops of oil of rose and a little carmine if you want the powder tinted. One of the best cucumber creams is made by cutting up two large cucumbers into half a cupful of water and allowing them to simmer for half an hour; then strain, add a cupful of boiling water, ten grains of powdered borax and enough tincture of benzoin to make the water look milky and bottle when cool. The skin may be kept in fine condition by using a little borax in the water every time the face and hands are washed and then rubbing this lotion well into the skin. An excellent fluid for keeping the scalp clean and free from dandruff is made with half a teaspoonful of the borax powder, a small piece of gum camphor and half a pint of soft water, and one of the best and safest washes for the mouth and teeth is made by adding one ounce of the powder to one pint of boiling water and then before it is cold adding half a teaspoonful of spirits of camphor. The hair tonic should be rubbed well into the scalp once a week. About two teaspoonfuls of the mouth wash in half a glass of water is the proper proportion, and the fluid whitens the teeth and keeps the gums in a healthy condition.

## CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

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## A CONTRARY WOMAN.

Things That Cured Her Sometimes Killed Other People.

"Appendicitis does not hurt me like it might other peoples," said her Bavarian neighbor when the woman had complimented her upon her appearance after the attack. "Nodding efter hurts me the same as odder peoples—nodding. Tings dat gure me kills odder peoples zomedimes. Did I neffer dell you about de dime ven I vas a ghild, ven I had sgarled vaffer? No? Den I vill dell you.

"In our down about dat dime dere vere six hundud ghildrun vat diet off sgarled vaffer—six hundud. All our family vas down mit him. Dwo off my fadders diet, Dey had giften me oub. De doctor he say: 'Led her haf emy t'ing she vants. Id woud make no diffarence. Led her haf her lasdt vish vaddeffer he is.'"

"And zo id happened dat I vanted zome zour meek. Und dey gif me all I vanted. A big boddle it vas off zour meek, und I zet oup und drink him all.

"Den I lay back und vent do zleep, und ven de doctor he come again he zay, very zupprized, 'Vy, her vaffer he zeem to be all gone!'

"Und he vas—all gone. In dwo days I vas oup und about de house az vell az effer.

"'Wonderful!' zays de doctor. 'Wonderful!'

"Den de beoples in de nexdt house vat had a very zick ghild dey thought dey vould dry ze zame t'ing.

"Dey gif her a big boddle off zour meek do drinkt, und in about half a hour by de glock she vas deat."—New York Press.

Accidents will happen, but the best regulated families keep Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for such emergencies. It cures the pain and heals the hurts.

### BRUIN'S FREE SUPPER.

Experience of a Camping Party In Yellowstone Park.

In the Yellowstone park all wild animals are allowed to roam as they will, and it is against the law to shoot them. Some of these animals have become very tame and do not look on man as an enemy. In fact, the bears seem to think the hotels built there are for their convenience, as they visit the garbage cans nightly for their meals. Even tiny chipmunks will stand and scold people as they pass by on the road, and such little thieves as they are! They live in style on grain they steal from the hotel stables.

One night a party camped near one of the pretty ravines, and, being tired from a day's tramp, they had early gone into their tents to sleep—all except the boy, who enjoyed slumbering in a sleeping bag with the stars for a roof.

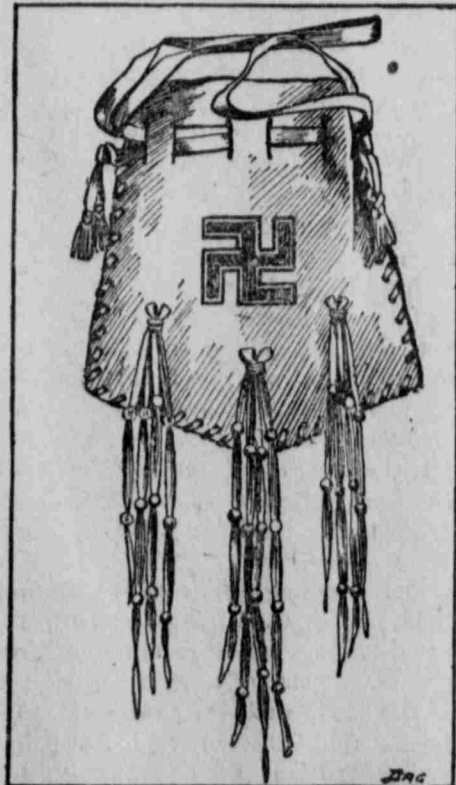
Early in the night they were aroused by a noise of falling pans in the kitchen wagon. Those who were not afraid rushed out and discovered a big black bear calmly eating his supper from the provisions. Not being allowed to shoot him, one grabbed a whip, another a broom, and they flourished these weapons about. Frightened and grunting, bruin clumsily scrambled away, when suddenly there was a livelier grunting from the bear, accompanied by an unearthly yell. Mr. Bruin in his hurried flight had stepped on the unnoticed outdoor sleeper, frightening him so much that afterward he slept under the tent roof.—Detroit Free Press.

### NOTICE

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### New Effect In Leather.

This leather bag may be bought, but it is quite easy to make at home. Suede leather of a shade matching the



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### THE HEDGEHOG.

Tactics It Employs In Making a Meal of an Adder.

The hedgehog is the possessor of tastes which, like Sam Weller's knowledge of London, are "extensive and peculiar," says the Scotsman. Scorning fastidiousness, it can make a hearty meal of nearly any insect and is one of the vertebrates which can tackle the cockroach. For effectual extermination of beetles and crickets it is as useful as a mongoose among the rats, but it is not generally known that it has a partiality toward snakes and adders.

The methods it employs for the attack are interesting. Having come upon the adder, it goads that reptile to the offensive and at the first dart immediately rolls into a ball. The adder is then left to attack the spines, in which encounter it naturally comes off second best. After awhile, when the hedgehog feels that his antagonist has exhausted his power, it once more opens out and makes a bite at the adder's back, thereby breaking its spine. It then proceeds to crunch the whole of the reptile's body by means of its powerful jaws, and after that it is said to start at the tail and devour its prey.

### Good to Remember.

In planning road improvements it should not be forgotten that when a road is once improved with macadam or gravel the travel instantly doubles or triples, and the road surface must be sufficiently strong and durable to provide not only for the present traffic on the road, but for the traffic which the improved highway will bring to that community.

### HE FIXED THE DEED.

A Judge Who Had Small Regard For Legal Quibbles.

Theophilus Harrington, a Vermont judge in the early part of the last century, was a man who loved the right and cared little for mere legal quibbling. "If justice controls your verdict," he would often say to the jury, "you will not miss the general principles of the law."

At one trial when the possession of a farm was in question the defendant offered a deed of the premises, to which the plaintiff's lawyer, Daniel Chipman, objected because it had no seal.

"But your client sold the land, was paid for it and signed the deed, did he not?" asked the judge.

"That makes no difference," said Chipman. "The deed has no seal and cannot be admitted in evidence."

"Is there anything else the matter with the deed?" asked the judge.

"I don't know that there is."

"Mr. Clerk," said the judge, "give me a wafer and a three cornered piece of paper."

The clerk obeyed, and the judge deliberately made and affixed the seal. "There, Brother Chipman," said he, "the deed is all right now. It may be put in evidence. A man is not going to be cheated out of his farm in this court when there is a whole box of wafers on the clerk's desk."

"The court will give me an exception?" pleaded the counsel.

"The court will do no such thing," answered the judge, and he kept his word.—Exchange.

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